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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Attached hereto is Appendix A, ClustalW alignment of SEQ ID NO: 36 and SEQ ID NO: 38. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.